



OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Region Engineers
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SUBJECT: Bureau of Highway Instructional Memorandum 1998-7
Inspection of Prestressed Concrete Beams for Stockpile Purposes

As per Subsection 109.06 C. of the 1996 Standard Specifications for Construction (Materials Stockpiled Off-Site) under item 4, materials for which partial payments are to be made must have been accepted by the Department for shipment or for use.

For prestressed concrete beams, the Structural Fabrication Unit of the Construction and Technology Division determines the acceptability based on inspection of the beam at the fabrication shop.

Recently, field offices have been paying for prestressed concrete beams at 85 percent of the furnished price without the required final acceptance inspection. This puts the Department in a difficult situation if there are problems with the beams. To remedy this, Al Hagen (pager number 517-228-2510) or Steve Cook (phone number 517-322-5709) should be contacted prior to paying for stockpile beams to determine the acceptability of the beams. They, in turn, will send documentation to the field office that states that the beams have been inspected and are acceptable for stockpile payment.

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